WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE.

45, Great Ormond Street, W.C,
April 14th, 1874.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Council of the College to put before its friends the following statement :— For some time past it has been found that the income derived from the fees paid by the Students does not suffice to provide for the increased annual expenditure. This increase has arisen from several causes. The extension of the College Buildings has brought with it a large addition to the ordinary house expenses and costs of management, salaries, rates and taxes, gas, firing, &c., a difficulty which has been further aggravated by the general rise of prices of the last few years. The annual charge for interest on debt has at the same time been increased, more than £1000 having been borrowed to defray the cost of the new buildings. With the most careful management, it has been found impossible to keep the expenditure level with the income, while the extreme economy necessitated by a constant money pressure has been a continual source of anxiety and embarrassment.

The condition of the College is in other respects prosperous and hopeful. Two years have now passed since the death of its Founder and first Principal, Mr. Maurice. The year which followed that great loss was an anxious and critical period in its history, and for a time the number of its Students fell off. In the past year, however, the numbers have risen to their former level, the staff of Teachers has been considerably reinforced, the permanent constitution of the College as an educational trust has been settled, and the efforts made to infuse increased vigour into its work and life have borne good fruit.

The money difficulty is a serious impediment to the success of the College, and the Council have anxiously considered how best to meet it. They are reluctant to raise the fees paid by the Students, these being already as high as working men can pay, and they think that the the best plan will be to provide, from among themselves and such friends as take an interest in the College, a small annual subsidy, in the form of annual subscriptions. They wish, therefore, to raise in this way £200 per annum for the next three years at least. They have good hope that when the College is freed from a pecuniary pressure which in many ways impedes its work, the increase in the number of its students will, before long, make it independent of such assistance.

Part of the sum required has already been promised by members of the Council,* and I shall be glad to hear that you can assist us by either allowing your name to be put down for a subscription or by undertaking to obtain some specified amount of contributions. I need hardly say that if any friends *prefer* to give their help in the form of a donation it will be gladly so accepted, and I shall be happy to reply fully to all enquiries in reference to the condition and pecuniary position of the College.

I remain, yours faithfully,

R. B. LITCHFIELD,

Vice-Principal.

* See List on other side.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PROMISED.

(The asterisk denotes Members or late Members of the Council.)

	£	s.	d.
*T. Hughes, Principal (for self and friends)	10	0	0
*George Tansley ... do.	10	0	0
*Lowes Dickinson ... do.	5	0	0
*R. B. Litchfield, Vice-Principal [redacted]	10	0	0
*F. J. Hytch	1	0	0
*John Martineau	10	0	0
*Godfrey Lushington	10	0	0
*J. Llewellyn Davies	1	1	0
Per J. Llewellyn Davies—			
Charles Crompton	5	5	0
E. Alers Hankey	3	3	0
Charles Balme	3	3	0
J. H. Beddington	2	2	0
Lady Crompton	2	2	0
*Vernon Lushington	10	0	0
John Cunnington	1	1	0
*T. Catterns	2	2	0
*W. T. Sutton	1	1	0
*J. J. Bickersteth	2	0	0
*John Westlake	12	10	0
Hensleigh Wedgwood	5	0	0
Miss Clarke, Toddington	1	0	0

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
*C. E Maurice...	5	0	0
*A J. Munby	2	2	0
*Arthur Cohen	10	0	0
Sir C. Lyell	5	0	0
*C. Crawley	3	0	0
Charles Darwin	10	0	0
Mrs. Powell	10	0	0